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In re Application of :
Anthony J. Guonalis : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/675,541 : TO WITHDRAW THE
Filed: September 30, 2003 : HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING
EMITTERS SIGNALS HAVING MULTI-VALUED
ILLUMINATION TIMES

This is a decision on applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), on August 12, 2005. There is no fee for this petition.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A review of the file record reveals that the application became abandoned for failure to respond to the Office letter (Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment) mailed to applicant on December 10, 2004, setting a one-month extendable response period. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 12, 2005 stating that no reply had been received. Applicant contends that the December 10, 2004 Office letter was not received.

There is a strong presumption that Office communications properly addressed and delivered to the United States Postal Services, are in fact delivered to the addressee. An allegation that the Office communication was not received must be overcome by a showing that it was not received.

The showing required to establish non-receipt of an Office communication must include all of the following requirements:

- (1) A statement from the practitioner stating the Office communication was not received by the practitioner;
- (2) A statement attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received; and
- (3) A copy of the docket record where the non-received Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

The docket records indicated above must include a copy of the list of all responses in the practitioner's office with the due date at and around January 10, 2005. See Notice entitled "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received," 1156 OG 53 (November 16, 1993).


Applicant's petition indicates that a search of the docket and mail receipt records confirms that the December 10, 2004 Office letter was never received. In support thereof applicant has provided a copy of "the docket record". The evidence provided is not considered a docket record but rather a log of incoming U.S.P.T.O. mail.

The petitioner has failed to comply with requirements (2) and (3) indicated above. In regards to requirement (2), Applicant has only set forth that a search of the docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. A further statement that a search of the file jacket indicates that the Office communication was not received is also required. In regards to requirement (3), a complete docket record with a copy of the list of all responses in the practitioner's office with the due date at and around January 10, 2005 is required as a shortened statutory response period of one-month was set in the Office letter mailed December 10, 2004.

Petitioner's evidence of non-receipt of the Office action mailed December 10, 2004 is insufficient to withdraw the holding of abandonment, and the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181."

Correspondence with respect to a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment under *Delgar Inc. v. Schuyler* should be mailed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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